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MEMORY GEMS

FOR

CHARACTER BUILDING

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Plan of Book.



IN CHILDHOOD, habits of action, thought, and feeling can be established which will color the whole after life. For youth is the time to sow the seed which will bring forth fruit in harvest time. In establishing some of these cardinal principles, the ethical as well as the mental activities must be developed. This can be accomplished by keeping the mind of the growing child constantly fixed on the potent factors that combine to make the highest type of citizenship. All good memory gems are valuable for this kind of training. The main objection to the usual collection is the lack of proper relation to a central thought, because with a confusion of ideas the grasping of a fundamental truth is often lost.

To accomplish the end of this class of exercise, I have arranged these memory gems under some central thought, around which the whole work for the period of a week is grouped. Each topic, as for example, Honesty, Duty, Humility, Love of Knowledge, furnishes an ethical idea. "Thoughts for Character Building" are furnished to round out ideas already formed and

give the wide-awake teacher, or parent, suggestions for talks that will be full of inspiration to the child.

The plan of the book is very simple. The teacher will have ready for immediate use one memory gem for each school day. This quotation should be placed on the blackboard on the preceding day so that the child can unconsciously assimilate the words. Before the talk this should be erased, and the children asked, "What is the thought for to-day?"

The teacher can enlarge on this by speaking along the line of the ideas suggested under "Thoughts for Character Building." Here lies the great opportunity for the teacher, or parent, for it is as necessary for them to think and be prepared as it is for the child.

This little book is based on a fuller treatment of the same subject called "The True Citizen" (Markwick and Smith) published by the American Book Company, New York City, to which company I wish to make full acknowledgment for subject matter used.

The Author.



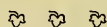
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The Mission of the Teacher.



TO CAPTURE the citadel of the child's mind through love and sympathy ; to lead pupils toward higher ideas of life and duty ; to establish closer relations between home and school and state ; to exalt purity of life and conduct ; to strengthen the moral tone of the community ; to make good men and women ; to establish and dignify the profession of teaching ; to make education attractive ; to magnify the state ; to meet the need for educated citizenship ; such is the exalted mission of the teacher.—*From State Superintendent CHARLES R. SKINNER'S Year Book.*

I.

Education.

Memory Sems.

Every man stamps his value on himself.—*Schiller.*

No capital earns such interest as personal culture.—*President Eliot.*

The end and aim of all education is the development of character.—*Francis W. Parker.*

One of the best effects of thorough intellectual training is a *knowledge of our own capacities.*—*Alexander Bain.*

Education is a growth toward intellectual and moral perfection.—*Nicholas Murray Butler.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Goodness outranks even uprightness.

It is the mind that acts as the universal pendulum.

Self-knowledge must not be confused with self-conceit.

The true education develops the head, the heart, and the hand.

Education and freedom are the only true sources of greatness.

Half the blunders of humanity come from not knowing oneself.

Subject for Character Study—Daniel Webster.

II.

Observation.

Memory Gems.

We get out of Nature what we carry to her.—
Katherine Hagar.

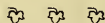
Fools learn nothing from wise men, but wise men learn much from fools.—*Lavater.*

The non-observant man goes through the forest and sees no firewood.—*Russian Proverb.*

Some men will learn more in a country stage-ride than others in a tour of Europe.

—*Dr. Johnson.*

The world is full of thoughts, and you will find them strewn everywhere in your path.—
Elihu Burritt.



Thoughts for Character Study.

All conscious life begins in observation.

Careful observers become accurate thinkers.

The active, observing eye is the sign of intelligence.

The student should learn to make a right use of his eyes.

The young person who is quick to observe human character avoids bad companions.

Subject for Character Study.—*John James Audubon.*

III.

Obedience.

Memory Sems.

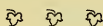
Love makes obedience easy.—*T. Watson.*

The education of the will is the object of our existence.—*Emerson.*

To learn obeying is the fundamental art of governing.—*Carlyle.*

If thou wouldst be obeyed as a father, be obedient as a son.—*William Penn.*

Do not make a poor excuse
Waiting, weak, unsteady ;
All obedience worth the name
Must be prompt and ready.—*Phoebe Cary.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

A cheerful obedience is one of the strongest proofs of love.

One of the greatest hindrances to obedience is a false pride.

Obedience forms the first step in the building of the character.

Obedience to a reasonable law is a source of moral strength and power.

Subject for Character Study.—"The Charge of the Light Brigade."

IV.

Candor.

Memory Gems.

Truth lies at the bottom of the well.

—*Old Proverb.*

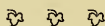
Candor looks with equal fairness at both sides of a subject.—*Noah Webster.*

Daylight and truth meet us with clear dawn.
—*Milton.*

Perfect openness is the only principle on which a free people can be governed.

C. B. Yonge.

There is no fear for any child who is frank with his father and mother.—*Ruskin.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Candor is the sign of a noble mind.

Candor is a virtue which is everywhere commended.

Frankness is a combination of truthfulness and courage.

Frankness and candor will always win respect and friendship.

Candor is the pride of the true man, the charm of the noble woman, and the rarest virtue of society.

Subject for Character Study.—*Dean Stanley.*

V. Affection.

Memory Gems.

Gratitude is the music of the heart.

—*Robert South.*

The best way of recognizing a benefit is never to forget it.—*J. J. Barthelmey.*

The affection and the reason are both necessary factors in morality.—*Fowler.*

True love burns hottest when the weather is coldest.—*Swinnock.*

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one ;
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.—*F. W. Bourdillon.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

True gratitude never forgets.

We love because we must love.

How much we owe to our parents.

A man who desires friends must show himself friendly.

We strengthen our feelings by giving them suitable expression.

Subject for Character Study.—*Abraham Lincoln.*

VI.

Cheerfulness.

Memory Gems.

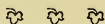
Cheerfulness is the best promoter of health.—
Addison.

Give us, oh give us, the man who sings at his
work.—*Carlyle.*

Age without cheerfulness is like a Lapland
winter without the sun.—*Colton.*

An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of
sadness.—*Fuller.*

The habit of looking at the bright side of
things is better than an income of a thousand a
year.—*Hume.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Join the "Sunshiners."

An ounce of wit is worth a pound of argument.

Cheerfulness costs nothing and yet it is invaluable.

Try for a day to keep yourself in an easy and cheerful
frame of mind.

"A little word in kindness spoken
A motion or a tear,
Has often healed a heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere."

Subject for Character Study.—*Sydney Smith.*

VII.

The Love of the Beautiful.

Memory Sems.

The beautiful can never die.—*Kingsley*.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.—*Keats*.

The love of beauty is an essential part of all healthy human nature.—*Ruskin*.

The sense of beauty is its own excuse for being.—*Dr. Hedge*.

If eyes were made for seeing,

Then beauty is its own excuse for being.

—*Emerson*.



Thoughts for Character Building.

Good taste is essentially a moral quality.

The love of the beautiful is an unfailing source of happiness.

The beautiful in nature and in art is that which gives pleasure to the senses.

The boy or girl that likes what you like belongs to the same class as you do.

The child who plucks a rose to pieces destroys a work which the highest art could not create.

What we get out of communion with nature depends largely on what we take to that communion.

Subject for Character Study.—*Alfred Tennyson*.

VIII.

The Love of Knowledge.

Memory Gems.

Knowledge is the eye of the soul.—*T. Watson.*

Common sense is knowledge of common things.—*M. C. Peters.*

It is noble to seek truth, and it is beautiful to find it.—*Sydney Smith.*

It has cost many a man life or fortune for not knowing what he thought he was sure of.

—*J. Staples White.*

The desire of knowledge, like the thirst of riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it.—*Sterne.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Nothing is so costly as ignorance.

Partial knowledge nearly always leads us into error.

Many men know a great deal, but not all men are capable.

The love of knowledge has been characteristic of most great men.

Wisdom is the ripe fruit of knowledge ; knowledge is the beginning of character.

Subject for Character Study.—*Alexander Van Humbolt.*

IX.

Youth.

Memory Gems.

The child is father of the man.—*Wordsworth.*

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.—*Chesterfield.*

No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself.—*Emerson.*

A man cannot live a broad life if he runs only in one grove.—*J. Staples White.*

'Tis education forms the common mind,
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.
—*Pope.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

“What I am in the long run, is what I am to make myself.”

The youthful period of man's life is by far the most important.

Lessons of purity must be written deep on the tables of the heart.

To make the most of one's youth is to qualify one's self to become a real man.

No one knows what possibilities of goodness and greatness are buttoned up under a boy's coat.

Subject for Character Study—William E. Gladstone.

X.

Industry.

Memory Sems.

Genius is nothing but labor and diligence.—*Hogarth.*

Know something of everything and everything of something.—*Lord Brougham.*

The difference between one boy and another lies not so much in talent as in energy.

—*Dr. Arnold.*

Work wields the weapons of power, wins the palm of success, and wears the crown of victory.—*A. T. Pierson.*

A lazy man is of no more use than a dead man, and he takes up more room.—*O. S. Marden.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Man must be self-made or never made.

Labor is the great schoolmaster of the race.

Industry is one of the best antidotes for crime.

Each evening is a crisis in the career of a young man.

Labor is indeed the price set upon everything which is valuable.

Work is difficult in proportion, as the end to be attained is high and noble.

Subject for Character Study.—*Cornelius Vanderbilt.*

XI.

Ambition.

Memory Sems.

Hope without an object cannot live.

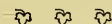
—Coleridge.

Have an aim in life, or your energies will all be wasted.—*M. C. Peters.*

Every one should take the helm of his own life, and steer instead of drifting.—*C. C. Everett.*

Ambition is to life just what steam is to the locomotive.—*J. C. Jaynes.*

No toil, no hardships can restrain ambitious men inur'd to pain.—*Horace.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The men at the summit fought their way up from the bottom.

Not what others have done, but perfection, is the only true aim.

“Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowest earth to the vaulted skies
And we mount to its summit round by round.”

—Holland.

Subject for Character Study.—*General Havelock.*

XII.

Concentration.

Memory Gems.

Success grows out of struggles to overcome difficulties.—*Smiles.*

He who follows two hares is sure to catch neither.—*Franklin.*

The important thing in life is to have a great aim and the determination to attain it.—*Goethe.*

A healthy definite purpose is a remedy for a thousand ills.—*O. S. Marden.*

The evidence of superior genius is the power of intellectual concentration.—*B. R. Hayden.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Who ever heard of excuses in football-playing.

Concentration begins with the habit of attention.

People who have concentration never make excuses.

Mental shiftlessness is the cause for many a failure.

It is the men with one idea who have changed the face of the world by sticking to a single aim.

The world is full of unsuccessful men who have spent their lives letting down empty buckets into empty wells.

Subject for Character Study.—David Livingstone.

XIII.

Self-Control.

Memory Gems.

Self-mastery is the essence of heroism.

—*Emerson.*

He who reigns within himself is more than a king.—*Milton.*

I have only one counsel for you—Be master !

—*Napoleon.*

Self-control is essential to happiness and usefulness.—*E. A. Horton.*

He is a fool who cannot be angry ; but he is a wise man who will not.—*Old Proverb.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Self-control is at the root of all the virtues.

A single angry word has lost many a friend.

He who would lead must first control himself.

The man who would succeed in any great undertaking must hold all his faculties under perfect control.

He lost the game ; no matter for that.

He kept his temper and swung his hat

To cheer the winners—a better way

Then to lose his temper and win the day.

—*Youth's Companion.*

Subject for Character Study.—*George Washington.*

XIV.

Perseverance.

Memory Gems.

Every noble work is at first impossible.

—*Carlyle.*

Victory belongs to the most persevering.

—*Napoleon.*

Our greatest glory is, not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.—*Goldsmith.*

Success in most things depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed.—*Montesquieu.*

Perseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twentieth.—*Dr. J. Anderson.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Give us men like mountains who change the winds !

Great men never wait for opportunities ; they make them.

Always watch with great interest a young man's first failure.

Perseverance depends on three things—purpose, will, enthusiasm.

Without perseverance nothing valuable can be accomplished.

Subject for Character Study.—*George Stephenson.*

XV.

Promptness.

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Memory Gems.

One to-day is worth two to-morrows.

—*Franklin.*

Whilst we are considering when we are to begin, it is often too late to act.—*Quintilian.*

By the street of *by and by* one arrives at the house of *never*.—*Cervantes.*

When a fool makes up his mind, the market has gone by.—*Spanish Proverb.*

The individual who is habitually tardy in meeting an appointment, will never be respected or successful in life.—*W. Fisk.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Delays often have dangerous endings.

Promptness takes the drudgery out of a difficult work.

Whatever you have to do, think out the quickest way of doing it, and do it at once.

“Some people have three hands—a right hand, a left hand and a little behind hand.”

“Putting off” usually means “leaving off.” “Going to do” becomes “going undone.”

Subject for Character Study.—“*Sheridan's Ride.*”

XVI.

Honesty.

Memory Gems.

Truth needs no color, beauty no pencil.
—*Shakespeare.*

An honest man's the noblest work of God.
—*Pope.*

The basis of high thinking is perfect honesty.
—*Strong.*

Nature has written a letter of credit on some men's faces which is honored whenever presented.—*Thackeray.*

If there were no honesty, it would be invented as a means of getting wealth.—*Mirabeau.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Truthfulness is moral transparency.

"Nothing is profitable that is dishonest."

Honesty and policy have nothing in common.

Honor lies in doing well whatever we find to do.

There is nothing that improves a boy's character so much as putting him on his honor.

If treating your boy as a gentleman does not make him a gentleman nothing else will.

Subject for Character Study.—*George Peabody.*

XVII.

Courtesy.

Memory Gems.

Conduct is three-fourths of life.

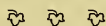
—*Matthew Arnold.*

There is no policy like politeness.—*Magoon.*

Life is not so short but there is time enough for courtesy.—*Emerson.*

Men, like bullets, go farthest when they are smoothest.—*Richter.*

Nothing can constitute good breeding that has not good-nature for its foundation.—*Bulwer.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The young owe respect to their elders.

We can be amiable without being weak.

True courtesy springs from a genuine goodness of heart.

Good manners constitute the proof of a noble character.

To be truly courteous one must think first of others ; last of oneself.

Let us not be so busy as to forget the gracious acts and delicate courtesies of everyday life.

Subject for Character Study.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

XVIII.

Self-Denial.

Memory Gems.

Self-denial is the essence of heroism.

—*Emerson.*

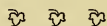
True self-denial involves personal sacrifice for the good of others.—*Dr. Momerie.*

To give up interest for duty is the alphabet of morals.—*James Hinton.*

A man of self-denial has the true ring which distinguishes the genuine from the counterfeit.

—*Prof. Seeley.*

The worst education which teaches self-denial is better than the best which teaches everything else, and not that.—*John Sterling*



Thoughts for Character Building.

True self-denial is the result of a calm and deliberate attachment to the highest good.

In our earliest years we must train ourselves to forego little things for the sake of others.

The burdens which boyhood and girlhood must bear in acquiring an education, learning a trade, resisting temptations, and building spotless characters, demand the constant exercise of self denial.

Subject for Character Study.—*Charles Lamb.*

XIX.

Self-Respect.

Memory Gems.

Above all things reverence yourself.

—*Pythagoras.*

No one can disgrace us but ourselves.

—*J. G. Holland.*

Self-distrust is the cause of most of our failures.—*Bovee.*

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control, these three alone lead life to sovereign power.

—*Tennyson.*

To thine own self be true ; and it will follow, as night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.—*Shakespeare.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Self-respect is a great aid to pure living.

True self-respect challenges the admiration of others.

It never pays to respect a man who does not respect himself.

It is generally the man who thinks well of himself who comes to be thought well of.

The main business of life is not to do something great, but to become great in ourselves.

Subject for Character Study.—*Sir Walter Scott.*

XX.

Conscientiousness.

Memory Gems.

Conscientiousness is the underlying granite of life.—*Sir Walter Raleigh.*

When love of praise takes the place of praiseworthiness, the defect is fatal.

—*S. Baring-Gould.*

When a man is dead to the sense of right, he is lost forever.—*James McCrie.*

The value of conscientiousness is principally seen in the benefits of civilization.

—*Charles Kingsley.*

There is only one real failure in life, and that is not to be true to the best one knows.

—*Canon Farrar.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Conscientiousness is an inborn desire to do right.

A well-trained life is filled with the light of conscience.

Conscience does not teach us what is right ; we learn that from experience.

Fair play is a trait to be cultivated by young people in their sports, in family life and in school.

Subject for Character Study.—*Charles Summer.*

XXI.

Enthusiasm.

Memory Gems.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

—*Bulver.*

Enthusiasm is the fundamental quality of strong souls.—*Carlyle.*

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle.

—*Philip Brooks.*

Enthusiasm is the romance of the boy that becomes the heroism of the man.

—*A. Bronson Alcott.*

Every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm.—*Emerson.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Enthusiasm is life lit up and shining.

Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything.

Enthusiasm makes weak men strong, and timid women courageous.

Gladstone says that what is really wanted, is to light up the spirit that is within a boy.

Subject for Character Study.—*Thomas A. Edison.*

XXII.

Courage.

Memory Gems.

The best hearts are always the bravest.

—*Sterne.*

In noble souls, valor does not wait for years.

—*Corneille.*

Courage is always greatest when blended with meekness.—*Earl Stanhope.*

A brave man hazards life, but not his conscience.—*Schiller.*

A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage.—*Sydney Smith.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

A brave man is one who knows his danger and faces it.

The noblest kind of courage is submission to the laws of right.

The spirit of courage will transform the whole temper of your life.

Genuine courage is based on something more than animal strength.

The courageous man is a real helper in the work of the world's advancement.

Subject for Character Study.—*Theodore Roosevelt.*

XXIII.

Self-Help.

Memory Gems.

Our remedies oft in themselves do lie, which we ascribe to heaven.—*Shakespeare.*

Be sure, my son, and remember that the best men always make themselves.—*Patrick Henry.*

God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest.—*J. G. Holland.*

Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives himself.—*Gibbon.*

In battle or business, whatever the game,
In law, or in love it is ever the same ;
In the struggle for power, or the scramble for
pelf,
Let this be your motto, "Rely on yourself."

—*J. G. Saxe.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

If you have anything to do, do it yourself.

Men who have been bolstered up all their lives are seldom good for anything in a crisis.

The best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.

Subject for Character Study.—*Stephen Girard.*

XXIV.

Humility.

Memory Gems.

Humility is the true cure for many a needless heartache.—*A. Montague.*

It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.

—*Lord Peterborough.*

Humility is a divine veil which covers our good deeds, and hides them from our eyes.

—*St. John Climacas.*

Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation, and bond of all virtues.—*Chrysostom.*

Modest humility is nature's crown; for the beautiful is a hidden thing, and shrinks from its own power.—*Schiller.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The true man is both meek and self-reliant.

True humility is strength putting itself by the side of weakness.

When we realize how little we know, we shall earnestly strive to know more.

We must not forget that the greatest lives have always rested on foundations of humility.

Subject for Character Study.—*Phillips Brooks.*

XXV.

Faithfulness.

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Memory Gems.

Faithfulness is the soul of goodness.

—*J. S. White.*

That which we love most in men and women is faithfulness.—*S. Brooke.*

It is the fidelity in the daily drill which turns the raw recruit into the accomplished soldier.

—*W. M. Punshon.*

The secret of success in life is for a man to be faithful to all his duties and obligations.

—*Disraeli.*

The truest test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops ; but the kind of men the country turns out.

—*Emerson.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Faithfulness in the daily routine of school work has laid the foundation of many a noble character.

I've allus noticed that success
Is mixed with troubles, more or less
And its the man who does the best
Who gets more kicks than all the rest.

—*James Whitcomb Riley.*

Subject for Character Study.—*Cyrus W. Field.*

XXVI.

Manhood.

Memory Sems.

It is the pushing fellows who get well to the front.—*William Black.*

The tricky, underhanded individual, pays higher for all he gets.—*W. M. Thackeray.*

A man ought to be something more than the son of his father.—*J. Staples White.*

Honor and shame from no condition rise ;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

—*Pope.*

The darkest hour in the life of any young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.

—*Horace Greeley.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Every man will count for all he is worth.

“There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.”

Remember that dividends in life are not paid until the investment of personal effort has been made.

After the age of twenty, very few men commence a course of virtue, or abandon one of vice.—*Horace Mann.*

Subject for Character Study.—*James A. Garfield.*

XXVII.

Order.

Memory Gems.

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty.

—*C. Simmons.*

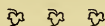
Without method, little can be done to any good purpose.—*Macaulay.*

A place for everything, and everything in its place.—*Old Proverb.*

Order is the law of all intelligible existence.

—*Blackie.*

Order is the sanity of the mind, the health of the body, the peace of the city, and the security of the state.—*Southey.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Order is heaven's first law.

The great enemy of order is laziness.

“Method consists in the right choice of means to an end.”

Success in life depends upon having the principal of order.

Good habits are the first steps in order for children—punctuality, neatness, a place for everything.

Subject for Character Study.—*John Wesley.*

XXVIII.

Reverence.

Memory Gems.

Reverence is the crown of moral manhood.

—*C. Kingsley.*

No man of sound nature ever makes a mock of reverence.—*T. T. Munger.*

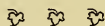
True reverence is homage tempered with love.

—*W. B. Pope.*

In the full glow of the light of our times, only the pure are really revered.—*Wilberforce.*

Reverence is alike indispensable to the happiness of individuals, of families, and of nations.

—*Smiles.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Only the reverent can appreciate nature.

Reverence is developed by looking for the good in others.

Reverence, then, is not fear ; but wonder, solemnity, and veneration.

Reverence is more than awe, it is awe softened and refined by gentleness and love.

Three kinds of reverence should be taught to youth—for superiors, for equals, and for inferiors.

Subject for Character Study.—*Henry W. Longfellow.*

XXIX.

Sentiment.

Memory Gems.

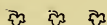
Sentiment is nothing but thought blended with feeling.—*J. F. Clarke.*

Sentiment takes part in the shaping of all destinies.—*R. Southey.*

A little child is the sweetest and purest thing in the world.—*J. S. White.*

Sentiment is the life and soul of poetry and art.
—*J. Flaxman.*

Sentiment is emotion precipitated in pretty crystals by the fancy.—*J. R. Lowell.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Sentiment is the life and soul of poetry and art.

Noble sentiments are the richest possessions we can have.

Sentiment is the wing-power of man, whereby he has ability to fly away from the commonplace and unworthy.

Sentiment lead us to love sacred spots, to create commemorative days, and to sing songs of gratitude together.

Subject for Character Study.—Beethoven.

XXX.

Duty.

Memory Sems.

The path of duty is the way to glory.

—*Tennyson.*

A sense of duty pursues us ever and everywhere.—*Webster.*

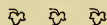
The consciousness of duty performed “gives us music at midnight.”—*George Herbert.*

I slept and dreamed that life was Beauty.

I woke and found that life was Duty.

—*E. S. Hooper.*

Let us have faith that right makes might;
and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as
we understand it.—*A. Lincoln.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

England expects every man to do his duty.

—*Lord Nelson.*

Of all the watchwords of life, duty is the highest and best.

It is conscience that sets a man on his feet and duty that keeps him there.—*Smiles.*

By doing the proper duty, in the proper time and place, a man may make the entire world his debtor.

Subject for Character Study.—*Lord Nelson.*

XXXI.

Temperance.

Memory Gems.

Rum will brutalize the manliest man in Christendom.—*J. B. Gough.*

Rum excites all that is bad, vicious and criminal in man.—*J. S. White.*

There may be some wit in a barrel of beer, but there is more in leaving it alone.

—*C. Garrett.*

Sobriety is the bridle of the passions of desire, and temperance is the bit and curb of that bridle; a restraint put into a man's mouth; a moderate use of meat and drink.

—*Jeremy Taylor.*

Temperance is corporeal piety; it is the preservation of divine order in the body.

—*Theodore Parker.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Intemperance is now considered a social disgrace.

Consider what it is to gain the mastery over a single passion.

The temperate man desires to hold all his pleasures within the limits of what is honorable.

Subject for Character Study.—*Father Mathew.*

XXXII.

Patriotism.

Memory Gems.

The noblest motive is the public good.

—*Virgil.*

The one best omen is to fight for fatherland.

—*Homer.*

Patriotism is a principle fraught with high impulses and noble thoughts.—*Smiles.*

The revolutionists has seldom any other object but to sacrifice his country to himself.

—*Alison.*

It is impossible that a man who is false to his friends should be true to his country.

—*Bishop Berkeley.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Every good man in politics wields a power for good.

It is not merely natural to be patriotic, but it is also reasonable and right.

Think of all the cost of money and noble lives at which our liberty has been won.

We must never forget, as we think or speak of patriotism, that such private virtues as honesty and industry, are its best helps.

Subject for Character Study.—*John Adams.*

XXXIII.

Independence.

Memory Sems.

Keep out of the crowd, if you have to get above it.—*M. C. Peters.*

The freedom of the mind is the highest form of independence.—*G. B. Fisk.*

A country cannot subsist without liberty, nor liberty without virtue.—*Rousseau.*

The spirit of independence is not merely a jealousy of our own particular rights, but a respect for the rights of others.

—*S. Baring-Gould.*

The love of independence is not only instinctive in man, but its possession is essential to his moral development.—*George Eliot.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The wisest charity is to help a boy to help himself.

The world's greatest things have been accomplished by individuals.

Full manhood depends upon freedom of thought and independence of action.

Vast numbers of men and women ruin their lives by failing to assert themselves.

Subject for Character Study.—*Thomas Jefferson.*

XXXIV.

The Ideal Man.

Memory Sems.

From the lowest depth there is a path to the highest height.—*Carlyle.*

A man seldom loses the respect of others until he has lost his own.—*F. W. Robertson.*

There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.
—*George Eliot.*

The man who thinks himself inferior to his fellows, deserves to be, and generally is.
—*William Black.*

It is characteristic of small men to avoid emergencies ; of great men to meet them.
—*Charles Kingsley.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

A man cannot change his nature, though he may conceal it.

Not what men do, but what their lives promise and prophesy, gives hope to the race.

The poor and unfortunate are our opportunity, our character-builders, the great schoolmasters of our moral and Christian growth.

Subject for Character Study.—The Son of Man.

XXXV.

Good Citizenship.

Memory Sems.

A great nation is made only by worthy citizens.—*Charles Dudley Warner.*

Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong.—*O'Conner.*

The noblest principle in education is to teach how best to live for one's country.—*G. T. Balch.*

The good citizen will never consent that his voice and vote shall sanction a public wrong.

—*A. M. Gow.*

Let our object be, our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country.

—*D. Webster.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Citizenship stands inseparably connected with the family.

America has been made to make and sustain happy Americans.

Each century has marked a decided improvement in the condition of mankind.

Each member of the family who is old enough to appreciate its privileges, is old enough to share its burdens.

XXXVI.

The Home.

Memory Gems.

The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world.—*Anon.*

The fireside is the seminary of the nation.

—*Goodrich.*

Early home associations have a potent influence upon the life of the State.—*Child.*

Nothing proves more ruinous to the State than the defective education of the women.

—*Aristotle.*

The sorest spot in our municipal and national condition, is the decline of the home idea.

—*C. H. Parkhurst.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The home is the birthplace of true patriotism.

The training of a good citizen must begin at the cradle.

The homes of any people are the very beginnings of its progress.

Patriotism always falls back upon the home life and the home interests for its inspiration and its power.

The strength and prowess of any land lies in the character of its citizens ; and their character depends largely upon the character of their homes.

XXXVII.

The Community.

Memory Gems.

Municipal government should be entirely divorced from party politics.—*C. H. Parkhurst.*

Too many of our citizens fail to realize that local government is a worthy study.—*John Fiske.*

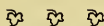
Every citizen should be ready to do his full part in the service of the community in which he lives.—*E. C. Mann.*

Each separate township needs men who will inspire respect and command confidence.

—*W. A. Mowry.*

Let the man who, without good excuse, fails to vote, be deprived of the right to vote.

—*W. H. H. Miller.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

Man is selfish as well as social.

We must not take too narrow a view of public life.

Our one supreme object should be to raise the tone of our citizenship.

The motto of every good citizen should be, "the best means to promote the greatest good to the greatest number."

God made the country and man made the town.

—*Cowper.*

XXXVIII.

The Nation.

Memory Sems.

Love your country and obey its laws.

—*Noah Porter.*

The sum of individual character makes national character.—*E. C. Mann.*

The true defense of a nation lies in the moral qualities of its people.—*Edwin C. Mason.*

Everything learned should be flavored with a genuine love of country.—*R. Edwards.*

Noble ideas of citizenship and its duties strengthen the will of all patriots.

—*Merrill E. Gates.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The crying need of to-day is for men of public spirit.

The citizens must share the risk of his country, as well as its benefits.

American government is "a government of the people, by the people, for the people."

The public service is not only for times of war and tumult, but also for times of prosperity and peace.

In a land like this, where the government is formed by its citizens, it can only be maintained by its citizens.

XXXIX.

The Ideal Citizen.

Memory Gems.

Voters are the uncrowned kings who rule the nation.—*Morgan.*

A second-rate man can never makes a first-rate citizen.—*J. S. White.*

Every good man in politics wields a power for good.—*M. C. Peters.*

If you want a clean city, vote to place the government in clean hands.—*Dr. McGlynn.*

The ideal citizen is the man who believes that all men are brothers, and that the nation is merely an extension of his family.—*Habberton.*



Thoughts for Character Building.

The real man is discovered in the sum total of his ideas.

Men must first be made manly, before they can be made truly useful.

A fully-developed manhood is the highest possible human achievement.

The ideal citizen will also be, in the better sense of the word, a politician.

The patriot is simply "a man who places his country's interests before his own."

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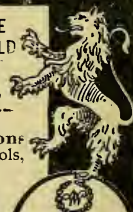
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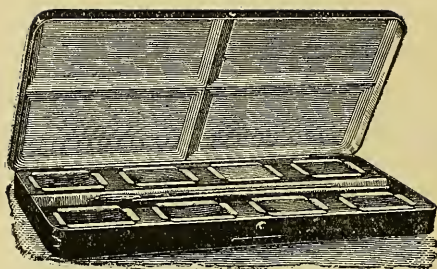
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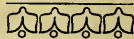
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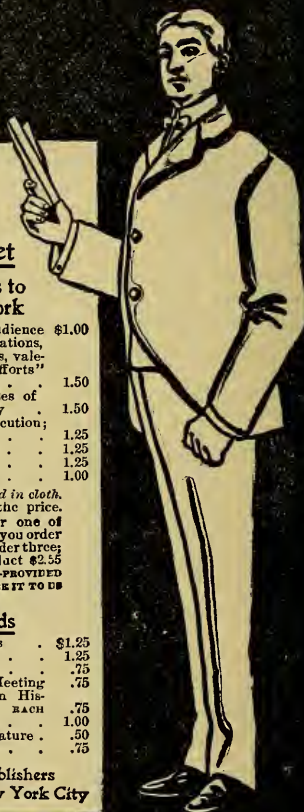
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